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BOX PATENT APPLICATION
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Application of Masao TSURUTA
APPARATUS FOR AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SHEETS
Our Ref. Q60559

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above including thirty-eight (38) sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, and twelve (12) sheets of drawings. **The requisite U.S. Government Filing Fee, executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment will be submitted at a later date.** Also enclosed is the Information Disclosure Statement.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>16</u>	-	20	=	<u> </u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u> </u>	\$0.00
Independent claims	<u>5</u>	-	3	=	<u>2</u>	x	\$80.00	=	<u> </u>	\$160.00
Base Fee										\$710.00
TOTAL FEE										<u>\$870.00</u>

Priority is claimed from March 31, 2000, November 30, 2000, and December 14, 2000, based on JP Application Nos. 2000-099598, 2000-365821, and 2000-379816 respectively. The priority documents are enclosed herewith.

Since the anniversary of the priority date fell on a Saturday, the filing of this application on Monday, April 02, 2001, is sufficient to obtain the benefit of priority.

Respectfully submitted,
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